



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

welcomes you to this
**ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE for
PEACE**

Minister: Rev Derek G Lawson

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

**Speaker: Caecilia van Perski,
Diplomat and Civil Expert in the field of
peace-keeping and peace-building,
Member of the Board of the Interchurch Peace
Council**

Let us go from this place
to share the Good News of peace in the world.

International Service for Peace - 12th November 2017

Welcome - *Rev Derek G Lawson, Scots International Church*

Call to Worship - (congregational responses **in bold**)

Just and merciful God, you speak through the prophets, challenging us to seek peace rooted in justice.

Help us to hear your urgent call.

Loving God, in Jesus you change our lives for good, challenging us to work for reconciliation.

Help us to see your way of truth and love.

With-us God, your Holy Spirit moves us to action, challenging us to live the Good News.

**Help us to respond wholeheartedly,
here and now – to say ‘Yes!’ Amen!**

Praise: God the Omnipotent! King who ordainest
(CH4 266)

Prayer of Approach: *Rev Pauliina Tuomanen,*
concluding with The Lord's Prayer *Finish Seamen's
Mission*

Praise: My Jesus, my Saviour (CH4 531)

OT Reading: **Isaiah 2: 1 – 5**
(p. 686)

Pastor Ola Asubiario, Glorious Chapel International

NT Readings: **1 Peter 3: 8 – 17**
(p. 1219)

Pastor Rose Fer, Abundant Grace Ministry

Matthew 5: 1 – 12

(p. 968)

Ds. Klaas Waterlander, PKN, Hekelingen-Maaswijk

Praise: For the healing of the nations
(CH4 706)

Prayer of Confession: *Apostle Isaac Twumasi Gibson,*
Holyfire House of Grace

Address: "A Kind Angel of Peace" *Caecilia van Perski*
(after a monument by Peter Stronsky in the eastern
Ukrainian city of Donetsk)

Praise: Make me a channel of your peace
(CH4 528)

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God - in whom is power and compassion.

**We believe in the Creator
who gave birth to the universe,
set solar systems dancing in space,
shaped molecules and mountains,
and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.
God's power topples tyrants,
and brings down walls of separation;
God's love embodies the tenderness
of a mother and father,
encouraging and caring for each of us.**

**We believe in Jesus,
born in obscurity in an occupied land;
a human being, vulnerable to hunger, thirst,
persecution and grief.
He understood the power of love
and confronted the powers of evil;
spoke the truth with courage and clarity,
forgave his enemies and changed lives.
In his living, dying and rising again
he showed love strong enough to save the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who sustains, comforts and empowers us,
opens the scriptures, opens our minds,
and illuminates earth's darkness. Amen.**

Praise: May the God of hope go with us every day
(CH4 256)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *Ds Michel Badry, L'Eglise
Wallonne*

Prayer of Intercession: *Pastor Richmond Offori-Tawiah,
Hope International Baptist Church*

Praise: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son
(CH4 419)

Blessing and Dismissal: *Rev Derek G Lawson*

**May the God of peace inspire us;
may the God of justice empower us;
may the God of hope encourage us
to live the Good News.**

Go in the power of the Spirit.

Go, and do not try to separate politics and prayer.

Go, not to escape, but to engage with God's world.

Go, to live hopefully, as people of resurrection.

Amen.

Sung Benediction: Go now in peace

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

There will be a Retiring Offering
for the work of
PAX -
a partnership between IKV (Interchurch Peace
Council)
and Pax Christi -
whose Mission Statement reads:
"PAX works together with committed citizens and
partners
to protect civilians against acts of war,
to end armed violence, and to build a just peace."